



VENTURE SNOWBOARDS

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written for the purpose of expressing support for Operation Link Up and their efforts to secure fiber optic service for Silverton and San Juan County, Colorado.

I am one of the owners of Venture Snowboards, a snowboard manufacturing business that recently relocated to Silverton, Colorado. We rely heavily on the internet for many daily functions in our business, including banking, marketing and public relations, freight and shipping, and myriad other vital tasks. We find that we are frequently frustrated by a slow connection and on occasion no connection at all. This affects our productivity on a regular basis. We anticipate the problem will become more pronounced in the future as we foresee significant growth and anticipate our need for fast and reliable access to the internet will grow exponentially.

This issue is one that has broad reaching impact not only for businesses in Silverton and San Juan County, but also for our non-profit sector, educational institutions, and the community in general. We look forward to the day that this critical technology is secured, ensuring Silverton and San Juan County's ability to remain competitive in the future.

Sincerely,

Lisa K. Branner